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1. U.S. REP TO OCTOBER 29-30 SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (CTD) SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH SUPPLEMENT THOSE PROVIDED IN REF (D).

2. REPORT OF THE GROUP OF THREE (G-3). THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF G-3 IS REASONABLE, BALANCED DOCUMENT AND GENERALLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL IN ITS TREATMENT OF U.S. REPORT NOTES ACTIONS (OR LACK THEREOF) BY VARIOUS CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUS G-3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND GATT PART IV, AND SUMMARIZES RESULTS OF 1973 G-3 CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH LDC'S AND DC'S, WHICH DEALT PRIMARILY WITH MTN. ALTHOUGH REPORT CONTAINS NO SPECIAL SECTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS, IT DOES MAKE NUMBER OF CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS (SEE PARAS B AND C BELOW).

A. U.S. REP MAY NOTE OR APPROVE G-3 REPORT AS APPROPRIATE. HE MAY EXPRESS GENERAL APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF G-3 AND FOR QUALITY AND THOROUGHNESS OF ITS REPORT, WHICH REFLECTS GROUP'S CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM OF EXPANDING TRADE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

B. RE PARAGRAPH 75 OF SECTION SIX (CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS), WHICH DISCUSSES POSSIBLE LDC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROLE FOR G-3 IN MTN, WE PREFER--AND INDEED WOULD ENCOURAGE--THAT WORK OF THIS KIND BE HANDLED WITHIN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE (TNC), THAT IS, IN SPECIAL PROCEDURES SUBGROUP AND/OR OTHER SUBGROUPS CONCERNED WITH LDC INTERESTS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION, U.S. REP SHOULD NOT CALL ATTENTION TO THIS PARAGRAPH. ON OTHER HAND, SHOULD OTHER REPS PURSUE IT HE MAY TAKE POSITION NOTED ABOVE.

C. WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVATIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 72, 73 AND 74 ON LDC PARTICIPATION IN MTN, U.S. REP MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, NOTE THAT THESE POINTS WERE ADDRESSED IN PREPCOM AND IN TOKYO DECLARATION. THRUST OF PARAGRAPHS 71 AND 76 GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.
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D. FUTURE WORK OF G-3: THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DECIDED ON BASIS OF EVENTUAL WORK PROGRAM OF CTD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK TO BE HANDLED IN TNC. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (D), WE EXPECT THIS TO BE CONFINED TO "USUAL" CTD ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE MTN.

3. FUTURE WORK OF CTD. BASIC INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED IN REF (D) AND IN POSITION PAPER FOR US DELEGATION TO TNC. IN THIS CONNECTION US REP SHOULD BE GUIDED BY OUR GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF SEEKING ACTIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE LDC PARTICIPATION IN MTN AND AVOIDING UNNECESSARY PROCEDURAL CONFRONTATION WITH LDC'S, WHICH COULD RESULT IN THEIR

TAKING OBSTRUCTIONIST ATTITUDE TOWARD MTN. HE SHOULD NOT TAKE LEAD IN DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF CTD OR ITS SUB-GROUPS.

4. WE AGREE WITH MISSION (REF A) THAT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (COM. TD/W/202) ON ROLE OF CTD DURING KENNEDY ROUND PROBABLY VEILED INVITATION FOR GREATER CTD INVOLVEMENT IN MTN. WHILE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PREVENT CTD FROM SEEKING ROLE SIMILAR TO THAT EXERCISED IN KENNEDY ROUND, WE BELIEVE OBJECTIVES OF MTN AND MANDATE OF TNC, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO LDC'S, OBVIATE NEED FOR EXPANSION OF ANY SUCH ROLE OF CTD BEYOND ACTIVITIES CITED IN SECRETARIAT PAPER.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. US REP MAY SUPPORT CONTINUED CTD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OR OTHERWISE AIMED AT EXPANDING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVING MARKET ACCESS FOR PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO LDC'S. SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE COMPLEMENTARY TO ASSISTANCE FROM THE GATT/UNCTAD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER, FOR EXAMPLE, AND IN SAME VEIN AS WORK CARRIED OUT BY G-3 UNRELATED TO MTN.

6. U.S.REP MAY SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON U.S. ACTIONS RELATED TO G-3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GATT PART IV, UPDATING SUBMISSIONS IN REFTELS (B) AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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(C).

A. HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS: IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM PORTUGUESE GOV'T, USG SENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM TO PORTUGAL TO ADVISE FIG PASTE INDUSTRY RE IMPROVEMENTS THAT MIGHT ENABLE THEIR PRODUCTS TO MEET U.S. HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS.

B. DUTY SUSPENSIONS: ALUMINA AND BAUXITE (PARA 7 OF REF C) ARE NOW ON FREE LIST AS RESULT OF KENNEDY ROUND TARIFF REDUCTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, U.S. CONGRESS HAS RESTORED RETROACTIVELY DUTY SUSPENSIONS (PARA 8, REF C) WHICH LAPSED IN 1972 ON FOLLOWING ITEMS: PROCESSED ISTLE (UNTIL SEPT. 5, 1975), CERTAIN TANNING MATERIALS (UNTIL SEPT. 30, 1975), AND A NUMBER OF COPPER MATERIALS (UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974). DUTY SUSPENSIONS ON MANGANESE ORE HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL SEPT. 30, 1976.

C. U.S. REGULATIONS AFFECTING CERTAIN MEAT IMPORTS (RESTRICTIVE CHANGE): ON JULY 30, 1973, U.S. ESTABLISHED NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING IMPORTS OF LIVE SWINE, PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES IN WHICH SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE IS DEEMED TO EXIST. THIS ACTION, WHICH AFFECTS

VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRIES WITH EXCEPTION OF 29, WAS TAKEN ON BASIS OF CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH, INCLUDING ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATIONS OVERSEAS, AND IS AIMED AT PREVENTING INTRODUCTION OF SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE INTO U.S. THE LIST OF UNAFFECTED COUNTRIES IS COMPRISED OF A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MEXICO, AND ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS. IMPORTS ARE STILL PERMITTED FROM AFFECTED COUNTRIES PROVIDED CERTAIN PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES ARE MET.

D. GATT PART IV AND U.S. TRADE POLICY: US REP MAY WISH TO INDICATE FOR THE RECORD THAT AS SIGNATORY TO GATT PART IV (TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROTOCOL), U.S. GIVES FULL CONSIDERATION TO ARTICLE XXXVI:8 DURING ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHILE THE U.S. MAINTAINS THAT ARTICLE XXXVI:8 DOES NOT RELIEVE ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CONTRACTING PARTY OF ITS OBLIGATION TO OFFER SATISFACTORY COMPENSATORY CONCESSIONS, THE U.S. IN MAKING REQUESTS FOR COMPENSATION ATTEMPTS TO MAKE SUCH REQUESTS ON COMMODITIES WHERE TARIFF REDUCTIONS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH OR BE INCONSISTENT WITH TRADE, FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONCERNED. KISSINGER

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